ELEVATOR PERILS MAY BE AVERTED

Accident in Broadway Directs Attention to the Need for Greater Safety for the Millions Who Ride Every Bay.

MORE SAMINGENT LAW IS NOW DEMANDED.

Formerly Operators Were Required to Pass Civil Service Examinations, but None Have Been Held for Six Years.

As a result of the fall of the elevator at No. 74 Broadway, in which five persens were injured, the Building Department inspectors have been ordered to examine all elevators. The accident has called attention to the insufficiency of the elevator inspection in this city.

Three times as many persons travel on the elevators of the city in a day is travel upon all the surface and elevated lines, yet the Building Department has little authority to enforce its orders and protect these millions of passengers. The department has prac-tically no supervision in the matter of selecting operators.
This latest accident will doubtless re-

sult in the passage of laws that will enable the Superintendent of Buildings to exercise greater power. At present the department can only bring suit for penalties in cases where the law I

The records of the department show that there are 3,500 passenger elevators in the city. Besides these are hundreds of freight lifts, which are under the control of the Factory Bureau. It is estimated that each car makes 200 trips a day and carries an average of six passengers on each trip.

Millions Travel Every Day.

This means that 4,200,000 persons travel up and down every day. The Elevated and surface lines carry only 1,500,000 passengers. The protection atforded by the city to elevator passengers is not at all in proportion.

Inspections are frequently made by the city inspectors, but the only recours against violators is in suing for the the violators escape for months or alto

The building code provides that the The building code provides that the operator shall be at least eighteen years old, of reliable and industrious habits, with a month's experience under an old operator. A few years ago all applicants for positions were required to take a Civil Service examination before the Superintendent, but the Corporation Counsel ruled that the Department had no right under the law to enforce such a rule.

Since 1898 no licences have been issued to operators. Small boys often control the levers and men are broken in in one day and intrusted with the lives of hundreds of passengers. Without the right to require every operator to pass a test and secure a certificate the Department is unable to cope with this avil.

How the Law Is Violated.

Isaac A. Hopper, Superintendent of Buildings, said to-day that the two elevators in the building where the accident occurred were put in operation without a final inspection by the department and that suits against the owners of the building are now pending. If this is proved in court the owners are liable to a fine of \$20 and \$25 a day for every twenty-four hours the law was violated. If the charge is proved it is likely that an accusation of criminal negligence will follow. The case is being thoroughly investigated by the department.

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Most of the elevators of this city are of the hydraulic type, although the elevator which slid through or fell, last Tucsday was known as a Frazler electric, which, theoretically, seems to have every possible advantage. The only two of the kind which are in use in this city were installed two years ago in the Arthur Building. They were made after the design of one of the consulting engineers of the Otis Elevator Company. Eevators of the same type are in use in San Francisco, Chirago and Providence, R. L. and owing to the smoothness with which they run and their ergy manner of control they have been greatly admired by electric engineers.

FIFTY PAINTERS STRIKE.

Decorators Quit Work on Crimina Courts Building.

Fifty painters redecorating the interfor of the Criminal Courts Building fid not appear for work to-day, declar ing a strike against John L. Nelson & Brother Company, the contractors. It was said at the company's offices in West Nineteenth street that the diffi-West Nineteenth street that the diffi-culty had been settled and that the men soon would return to work. Mr. McKay, the manager, would give no explanation of the cause of the walk-out. The interior of the building is filled with scaffolding, all of which was left by the strikers. In addition they left a bad odor of cleansing material-sof which the men in the various offices com-plained.

Jerome on His Way Home. District-Attorney Jerome left Albuquerque, N. M., night before last, and is expected home late to-morrow. He will speak before the Society of the Genesee Saturday night, at the Walsorf-Astoria.

Oculists.

For headaches caused by eye strain medicine is useless. In the Ehrlich Eye-Testing Rooms these Oculists

A. W. Brewster, M. D., 217 B'way. G. B. Brigden, M. D., 1345 B'way

M. Kenyon, M. D., 223 Sixth Av. 18 years Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital.)
NO CHARGE for Consultation. Classes, if seeded, at moderate cost



EDMUND PANDGIRIS BOY HERO, WHOSE LAPSE OF MEMORY PUZZLES.



SHADOWS BETRAYEU BURGLARS AT WORK

Patrolman Levy's Suspicions Performance On Window Shad of a Tailor Shop.

Patrolman Samuel Levy, of the West Forty-seventh street station, was surrised early to-day as he was passing to. 735 Tenth avenue at seeing the shadows of two men on the curtain in the window of the tailor shop of Joseph Suba. The men seemed from their motions to be giving an imitation of pack ing a trunk with only about two minutes to catch a train. Levy watched this impromptu vita-

scope performance for several seconds and then called Roundsman Brady. The two policemen entered the shop in time to surprise two men. According to the officers they were packing up all the clothing in the place. When their diversion was thus interrupted they drew knives and showed fight, but changed their minds at the sight of the

muzzles of two shining revolvers.

About \$200 worth of clothing had been packed. The owner who was asleep up-Aroused by Sort of Vitascope stairs was aroused and his property re-

stairs was aroused and his property restored, while the two men were taken to the station and charged with burglary.

They gave the names of William Austin, twenty-four years old, who said he was a laborer, and gave the address of No. 74 West One Hundred and Sixth street, and Daniel Cautfield, of No. 420 West Forty-seventh street. The latter address is but two doors from the West Forty-seventh street station.

BOARDER BURNED TO DEATH. SYRACUSE, N. Y., Feb. 4,-John Var to death in a fire which destroyed th Cottage Hotel, at East Syracuse, to-day. He was a boarder at the hotel and was askeep in his room. His brother found the body in the ruins.

Stern Brothers

will place on sale to-morrow

An Entirely New Style of

Tailored Walking Suits

of Black, Blue and Brown Cheviot Serges, short coat \$28.50 and pleated skirt, entire suit handsomely trimmed, Real value \$40.00

An Extraordinary Offering of Men's

Fancy & White Waist Coats

For Street and Dress Occasions

Novelties in Imported Fabrics, in light and dark effects, also Plain and Figured Pique, perfect fitting and custom tailored, Value \$5.00 and \$6.00 \$2.50

Men's Braces

heavy imported elastic webs, also fancy striped silk, with gilt buckles, calfskin trimmed, Value \$1.00 50c

To-morrow, Decided Values in Women's Hosierv

Fast Black Lisle Thread and Ingrain Cotton Hose, 25° with double unbleached soles, Fast Black Lisle Thread Hose, with embroidered 39c Value 60c pr. fronts and open-work insteps, Fast Black Brilliant Lisle Thread Hose, lace work entire length, lace work ankles and French Lisle Thread with fancy side clocking, Value 95c pr. 59c

Value \$1.50 pr. \$1.10 Fine Black Pure Thread Silk

Hose, with double soles, Extra Quality Black Pure Thread Silk Hose, heavy-weight, with double soles, Former price \$1.75 pr. \$1.25

Exceptional Values in

Misses' and Girls' Apparel

MISSES' SUITS, NEW SPRING MODELS, Eton, Blouse and Coat Effects, plain cheviots and mixtures, 14 and 16 yrs., \$19.75 GIRLS' REGULATION SAILOR SUITS,

GIRLS' WHITE LAWN & CHAMFRAY DRESSES. \$1.98, 2.95 guimpe, high neck, satior and Russian styles, 4 to 14 yrs., CHILDREN'S COATS FOR PRESENT WEAR, Special at \$4.95

insignia on sleeve and collar, 6 to 14 yrs.,

MISSES' SILK WAISTS, Peau de Cygne and Taffelas, 14 to 18 yrs... \$2.90, 3.95 COTTON WAISTS, new model, plain and spot lawns, 14 to 18 yrs., 98c, \$1.35, 1.98

West Twenty-third Street.

Body He Saved from Fire.

the profession.

Memory left him completely very suddenly. His mother and friends thought he was growing better, when late one night he said he was going for a cigar night who disappeared from his home in Bath Bench and for eleven days wandered along the cold road between this city and Middletown, N. T.

Reason did not return entirely to his shattered mind. It was only a flash, but the address at No. 16 Bay Twenty-second street, Bay Side, Bath Beach, which he repeated over and over to

second street, Bay Side, Bath Beach, which he repeated over and over to those who saw him bring the woman's almost lifeless body from the fiames, was sufficient to return him to his home. He was sent to a sanitarium at Greenwich, Conn., to-day in the hope that a complete rest will affect a cure.

His gray-haired mother wept as an essaw her once brilliant son a physical as well as a mental wreck. Long days and nights out of doors without proper food or rest had left him weak and emaciated. The one thought in his mind was to reach the home of Bessie White, a thirteen-year-old girl to whom he became greatly attached when in the mountains at Delhi last summer.

Feared He Had Killed Himself.

The young man left home without warning, and for eleven days his disappearance was complete. His mother feared he had killed himself, as he had often threatened to do if he found there was no cure for the mental malady which he felt creeping upon him, Pangaris was a student at the Long Island College and was taking his regents' examination at the Grand Central Palace at the time of the explosion in the subway. His mother believes that the shock affected his mind, for he which he repeated over and over to

was becoming shattered developed in the youth a mania for the study of in-THEN REMEMBERS sanity. He read on the subject prolificly and professed to know his own
silment exactly. He told his mother would kill himself when he found that

"I, Too, Have a Mother," Cries

Demented Edmund Pangiris

Would kill himself when he found that he was hopelessly insane.

In the medical books in his room there were many pages on insanity which were pencil marked and worn. He had as He Gazes on Woman's or at the Long Island Medical College say he really was able to diagnose his own case. His observations of his affliction have been of great benefit to the profession.

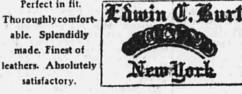
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With the experience of forty years behind it this famous make of shoe is not approached by any other in the market at the price-\$3.50 per pair. We have shapes to fit every foot and styles for all occasions.

able. Splendidly made. Finest of eathers. Absolutely

satisfactory.



Pre-eminently the shoe for the well-dressed woman

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Possesses the same dignity of design, gracefulness of outline, superior workmanship and general excellence that has identified it \$3.50 in the past—the price only has changed—from \$5.00 per pair to.....

Men's Norfolk and New Brunswick Merino Underwear.

We will offer the balance of our late sale of this fine underwear (broken sizes), in tan, blue and natural shades, at, each. \ 62C Regular prices \$1.25 to \$1.50.

Sale of Men's \$1.00 and \$1.25 Stiff Bosom Shirts at 68c.

These are clean, spick and span new goods, fine assortment of patterns and plenty of sizes from 14 to 17 inches. They are made of Percale and fine corded Madras cloths—neat figures and made of Percale and fine corded Flagras Coulds—stripes in light and dark grounds—cuffs attached or separate.... (First Floor.)

Men's Bath Robes and House Coats



\$4.95

Specials for Friday.

Men's House Coats, made of all-wool imported English double-faced cloth; also all-wool tricot, finished with cord edge. Colors, navy blue, garnet and brown. Sizes 34 to 44....

Worth \$5.50.

(Third Floor.) Women's Golf Vests.

Assorted colors, sizes 34 to 44 inches-made to sell at \$2.00 } 98c

Muslin Undergarments.

(Second Floor.)

BRIDAL SETS for SPRING BRIDES-boxed in three, four and fivepiece sets to match--laces, embroidery and fancy ribbon - Chemises, Drawers, Gowns, Petticoats and Corset Covers, all sizes, upward from, CHILDREN'S WHITE EIDERDOWN SHORT COATS, usually \$2.00 and \$2.25 each; choice at.....\$1.75

COLORED CAPS, BONNETS and COATS for children, 1 to 5 years,

WOMEN'S CANTON FLANNEL DRAWERS, unbleached, usually CHILDREN'S DRESSES of colored gingham and outing flannel, in checks and stripes, nicely made, usually 25c. and 29c.; choice at 19c

Sixth Avenue, 20th to 21st Street.

has never been himself since. Later he had a sunstroke. The realization that his own mind AGED VANDERBILT

Niece of the Commodore, Aged

years she has lived almost the life of a recluse. It was considered one of her eccentricities that she ignored the other members of the Vanderbilt family. Miss Vanderbiit possesses a striking resemblance to her relative, Commodore Vanderbilt. She is six feet tall and the weight of years had not bowed her erect carriage. Hers was a familiar figure to the few bankers in Wall street with whom she had business dealings. Up to three weeks ago she visited them un-

Niece of the Commodore, Aged

92, Very Low—Said to Be
Worth \$10,000,000—Familiar Figure in Wall Street.

Elizabeth Vanderbilt, a stately old lady of ninety-two, who is remembered by the older generation of New Yorkers as a relative of Commodore Vanderbilt, is dying in a modest apartment at No. 833 Columbus avenue. For twenty-five

26 WEST 23" STREET EVENING GLOVES 12-16-20-24 Button

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PUBLIC SATISFACTION, with the best service, the best assortments and the lowest prices

First Great Friday in February, Greater Values and Smaller Prices.

HESE SALES ARE PROGRESSIVE—the interest widens and deepens each week. Women have come to look forward to these Friday Sales and to expect the unusual, and they are never disappointed here. Values that bring many, many converts to the rank and file of Abraham & Straus shoppers.

Fine Bric-a-Brac and Clocks At Great Reductions,

HE February sale is now well on its way in the Bric-a-Brac and Clock Store, and fascinating as are the exhibits there, they cannot be more pleasing than the prices. Never before has there been such an opportunity as this to buy all that is best at prices that are the least. A stroll through the department is a treat in itself, and there are opportunities for all to purchase.

19c. to 98c., worth 25c. to \$1.50. A large variety of bisque Ornaments, Flower Holders, Trays, etc. 60c., worth 98c. Hand painted covered Steins.

\$9.95, worth \$18.50. Gold plated Clock Sets, 8-day movements, striking half hourly on cathedral gong, complete, with pair of candelabra. \$4.40 to \$17.50, regularly \$8.95 to \$35.00. Fine rench Travelling Clocks. Basement, West Building.

Aprons for Maids, 39c.

HERE are four very pretty styles in fine lawn-one with an insertion of fine embroidery, tucks here and there in effective style; another has two insertions of choice embroidery; still another has an insertion and a ruffle of select embroidery; the fourth has revers of choice embroidery, finished with hemstitched hem-any one for 39c.

Maids' Fine Lawn Aprons-48c. In a variety of styles—all pretty and taking—some with hemstitched tucking and hem—others with fine ucking and embroidery insertion.

Second floor, East Building.

Shoes for the Family. Mamma, Papa and Little Boy.

N opportunity to fit them all out at the littlest price, Good, durable Shoes that will fit well, wear well and look well in any kind of Winter weather. Style will please mamma, wear will please the boy, and the price ill certainly suit papa.

Women's Shoes, Worth \$2.50 and \$3.00, at \$1.65.

Boys' \$2.50 and \$3 Shoes, \$1.98

Sample stock. In patent leather, enamel box, velour and wax calf. Sizes of samples, 13% to 1 in youths'; boys' 4 and 4%; all sizes 12 to 5% in other lines. Really this is the most cheerful news the Shoe Store has ever had for the boys.

Men's \$3 & \$3.50 Shoes, \$2.25 EN'S velour calf, Goodyear welted soles, extension edges, medium toe, drill lined, sizes 5½ to 16, widths C, D. E and EE; worth \$8.50, at \$2.25, Men's lace Shoes, three soles, leather lining, broad toe last, Goodyear welted soles, extension edges, sizes b to 9½, widths D, E and EE; value \$3.50, at \$2.25.

Men's box calf lace Shoes, three soles, drill lining, medium toe last, Goodyear welted soles, extension edges, sizes 5 to 10, widths D, EE and E; value \$3.00, at \$2.25.

Second floor, rear, East Building.

Chiffon Mousselines, 13c. Silk and Cotton.

NUSUALLY pretty, sheer, dainty silk and cotton Chiffon Mousselines, in all the prettiest Summer colors—you may have seen them in a recent sale here—now at 13c. Everybody takes a fancy to them.

Boys' Wearwell Suits, \$4.95. With Extra Trousers. E cannot help being proud of this sale. It's

the biggest \$4.95 worth of Boys' Clothing that can be bought in the city. Made from the new cheviots for Spring, strictly all wool, sewed with silk throughout and durably lined. The most ambitious boy will find his match in the wearing quality of these goods even without the extra trousers the value would be good at this price. They are rather nobby looking, too; made as well as our best maker can make clothes. New Norfolk style-for boys of 7 to 16 years.

Second floor, rear, East Building

\$1 Pretty Percaline Petticoats, 59c Black and White Striped. OTHING more desirable than the black and

white stripe effect, made with full umbrella ruffle, trimmed with two smaller ruffles.

Men's \$3 to \$5 Fancy Vests, \$1.95 A Lucky Strike.

West values! Well, I just guess so!" That's what our Vest man said when he showed his goods this morning that he is going to startle the Friday business with. He was so tickled with the luck he had in striking this lot that his enthusiasm must be excused-you won't wonder at it when you see the Vests.

wonder at it when you see the Vests.

There are all styles in the collection, but the majority have those neat little dots of telling yet genteel color effects—not a loud tone to jar the harmony—choice worsted or matelasse vestings in dark grounds and tiny dots of blue, rod or white, with some a trifle more elaborate in design—all are cut in the prevailing six button single breasted shape—sizes 34 to 44, and some for stout men, toop About 200 in all.

Send your size if you cannot come. None sent C. O. D. There are corresponding values in Trousers, by the way. Choice \$5.00 and \$6.00 worsteds at \$3.95. Oregon City cassimeres, \$4.00 values, for \$2.85.

Second floor, rear, East Bullding.

Waists! Waists! Waists! \$1.98 and \$2.98 Values for \$1.29.

OMFORTABLE as well as pretty and taking flannel Waists, velvet trimed - a few velveteen models also, in broken sizes, no duplicates. Colors red, green, royal blue

Actual \$5.00 and \$6.00 Values for \$1.98.

We simply want you to come and take away a beautiful assortment of peau de sole and peau de cygne Waists that have outlived their store time, though not their beauty or worth. There are but one or two of a style, just slightly soiled from handling—you'd never notice it—in red, light blue or white. Not sent C. O. D.

Second Floor, Rear, Central Building.

Women's Cotton Shirt Waists. Worth \$2.00, at 98c.

HAT'S just what it is-two dollars for Ninetyeight cents-the pretty, new design in the white Alexander cloth Waists, mercerized stripes, plaited front, finished with two rows of pearl buttons, and boucle cloth Waists, with plaited front. We'd like you to just see these Waists-and then you'd buy them.

Second floor, rear, Central Building.

Women's Pedestrian Skirts.

Worth \$6.00 and \$10.00, at \$2.98 and \$4.95 NECESSARY adjuncts to every well regulated wardrobe are the "Skirts the wardrobe are the "Skirts that escape the ground." Two styles to choose from The little prices are unprecedented.

One is a gore style, with inverted plait: made of fine quality black cheviot, value \$6.00, at \$2.98.

The other is made of zibeline, broadcloth and mannish materials, in a large variety of colorings; it has the new Paquin plait down the front, habit back and finished with rows of stitching at bottom and self color buttons; value \$10.00, at \$4.95.

Second floor, front, Central Building.

Malta-Vita, Cero-Fruto, 9c.

HE regular price is 14c. -you make the saving of 5c, on a package. Just another demonstration of the saving

on table expenses that may be obtained by purchasing in this Grocery Store. That it is the best Grocery Store hereabouts is

demonstrated again and again-don't take our say-so-ask any one who trades here. Third Floor, West Building.

\$16.50 Sample Corsets, \$5.98.

All Straight-Front Models. ONG dip hip models, giving the long, tapering lines to the hips; also medium dip hip models. Made of white coutil, brocaded batiste and black Italian cloth.

Also 600 Corsets at 59c. each. Made specially for us, copied from a French model, medium length, dip hip, straight front and fully gored. Good style and little prices make these Corsets good bargains.

Second floor, front, East Building.

White Skirting Flannels, Worth 85c., at 53c. a Yard.

SILK embroidered, good quality, yard wide, white wool Skirting Flannel with hem-stitched and scalloped edge. The simple announcement will suffice-it's fine value, and the majority of Brooklyn women will

be only too glad to come early and get their share. Main floor, rean Central Building.